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1. SUMMARY. "THE MAD DREAM OF THE RED ADMIRAL", AN ARTICLE BY OMAR MARCHAL IN THE BELGIAN NEWEEKLY SPECIAL FOR DECEMBER 4, 1974, DEPICTS THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ANGOLA AS A PRO-COMMUNIST TILTING IN FAVOR OF MPLA'S NETO. THE ARTICLE CAUTIONS THAT MOBUTU'S PATIENCE MAY BE WEARING THIN - THAT KINSHASA, CAPITAL OF BLACK AFRICA, MAY BECOME THE "CAPITAL OF THE WAR FOR ANGOLAN INTERDEPENDENCE". END SUMMARY

2. BELGIAN NEWSWEEKLY SPECIAL FOR DECEMBER 4 CARRIES ARTICLE "THE MAD DREAM OF THE RED ADMIRAL" BY OMAR MARCHAL. SPECIAL'S ZAIRE CORRESPONDENT, WHO ARTICLES ARE SAID OFTEN TO REFLECT MOBUTU'S VIEWS.

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3. SUBJECT ARTICLE RECOUNTS MOBUTU'S EFFORT TO EDUCATE PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO KINSHASA FOR IX ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES. INTERVIEWS WITH HOLDEN, SAVIMBI AND CHIPENDA WERE TO HAVE TAUGHT SOARES THAT "KINSHASA IS THE CROSSROADS OF ANGOLAN UNITY", AND THAT NETO MUST BE SEEN AS THE LEADER OF AN MPLA FACTION REDUCED TO A FEW SOVIETIZED INTELLECTUALS POWERED BY THE VISION OF A COMMUNIST ANGOLA AKIN TO THE MAD DREAMS OF THE RED ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO. ARTICLE GOES ON TO WARN OF BLOODY CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD RESULT - AS IN CONGO - FROM SOLUTION FASHIONED IN METROPOLE IN IGNORANCE OF WISHES OF PEOPLE CONCERNED.

4. CABINDANS, IN MARCHAL'S VIEW, MUST BE LEFT TO DECIDE OWN FATE - ADMITTING, OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITY THAT LATER THEY MAY FREELY CHOOSE TO PLACE THEMSELVES UNDER "THE PROTECTIVE BANNER OF A STRONGER BROTHER".

5. MARCHAL ALLUDES TO CONFIDENTIAL REMARKS MADE IN KINSHASA BY SOARES SUGGESTING A GROWING FEAR IN PORTUGAL OF MOUNTING SOVIET THREAT THERE. ALSO CITED PROMOTION OF COUTINHO TO HIGH COMMISSIONER, FROM WHICH POSITION HE ALLEGEDLY WILL CONTINUE TO FAVOR NETO. FROM THE LEFT BANK OF THE ZAIRE, SAID MARCHAL, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE COMMUNISTS HAVE THE LAST WORD IN LISBON.

6. CONCLUDING WITH THE STATEMENT THAT MOBUTU CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS ISSUED ENOUGH WARNINGS, MARCHAL NOTES THAT KINSHASA, CAPTIAL OF BLACK AFRICA, MAY YET BECOME THE "CAPITAL OF THE WAR FOR ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE.
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